In Loving Memory

John Calhoun Love, Sr.

February 19, 1928 – June 4, 2002

For to be absent from the body
Is to be present with the Lord
I Corinthians 5:8

Obituary

John Calhoun Love was born on February 19, 1928 to the union of Thomas Boone Love and Bobbie Glenn Conley Shepard in Inkster, Michigan. John was the sixth of seven children, three of which preceded him in death; William Sheppard, Robert Sheppard and Mary Conley Love. Living are, Thomas Love, Frank Fisher Love and Bonnie Scott.

As a young man, he and his siblings were brought up in the teachings of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and in his last years received Jesus Christ in his Heart as his Lord and Savior.

In 1950 John married Etta Mae Manier and to this union were born five children; Ilene Love Porter, John Calhoun Love, Jr. (who preceded him in death), Thomas B. Love III, Toni C. Love, and Mary Love Taylor. John also leaves two older daughters, Lorraine Jones and Gwendolyn Mayo.

John served in the United States Armed Forces, Army Branch in the Korean Conflict. After serving, John and Etta moved their family to California in 1955. John completed a certificate program in electronics from California Technical School, which became his profession. He worked for Pacific Terminations in this field for 25 years before retiring due to a work related injury.

From Detroit to California, John was known as 'Sabu'. All anyone had to do is mention this name and everyone knew who it was. He was a friend for life to anyone he came in contact with. He was kind to strangers and his neighbors. We were always asked to fix someone a plate or two of food and take it over, or he would take it himself. Dad made the best 'Bar-B-Que' in town and was always designated the cook on holiday's or at family reunions. Through our high school years, we'd always get Dad to cook the ribs and chicken for picnics. He was simply the best!

He was simply and lovingly called 'Uncle John' by many nieces and nephews who loved and looked to him for advice. Uncle John was so loved, that he was appointed our National

President of the Love Family Reunion. He really kept everyone in line.

John departed this life on June 4th 2002 and will be greatly missed by us all. We will carry you in our hearts, always...

Along with his wife, children, brothers and sister mentioned above, he will be missed by 14 grandchildren; JuJuan, Donielle, Lamont, LaTondae, Shetani, Jasmin-Ilene, Kevin, Lady, Terrence, Phil, Woodie, Fran, Karen and Keith Jr.; 8 great-grandchildren; JuJuan, Jessica, Jennifer, Janecia, Jaylen, Jayda, Jaden, Tank; 2 Son-in-laws; Rufus Porter and Keith Taylor, Everyone's favorite Cousin Helen, Ivan, Charese, Donald and Many nieces and nephews as well as friends.

We want to say a 'special' Thank You to our brother Tommy for taking such good care of Dad. Never before have we seen such love between a father and son. You cared for Daddy throughout his illness and we just want you to know that we are thankful and we love you.

Your sisters

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation.....Pastor John Richardson

Reading of Scripture.....Pastor Lenny Manier
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament – I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Special Acknowledgement.....Ilene Love-Porter

Music Selection.....Evelyn Bennett

Acknowledgement of
Cards, Telegrams, Condolences.....Veronica Richardson

Obituary.....Vera Vercher

Remarks.....JuJuan Love
Alvin Clavon
Lenny Manier

Music Selection.....Evelyn Bennett

Eulogy.....Pastor John Richardson

Benediction.....Pastor John Richardson

Recessional

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write,
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth.
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;
and their works do follow them.

- Revelation 14:13

Love Notes

MY DADDY
My Daddy, My Daddy
Strong as can be.
My Daddy
How I remember thee
My Daddy, My Daddy
The man who made me
The black man who stayed with his family.
My Daddy, My Daddy
Was a painter to me; He pointed out buildings
And walls he had once done
My Daddy
Was proud as can be
So was I...
I want to be just like this guy.
My Daddy, My Daddy
Drove me to the art classes to be the best I can be
My Daddy, My Daddy
He thinks he can't be the man he once was
But in my eyes he's still the man he was
My Daddy
Love always your daughter,
Toni

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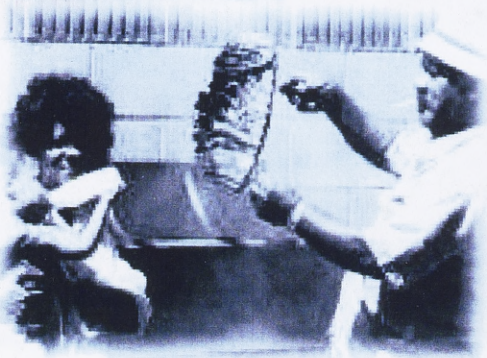
To Papa
I will miss you. I will miss your hugs. I will see you in heaven. You will always be in my heart.
Love Jessica

Papa... You are the Greatest
I Love You Jennifer



More Love Notes...

You saw me come, I watched you go and though this process has taken a while. Now I see the way it hurt to raise a man as a child. Like Father, like son, so the saying goes, looking at me was looking at you. We were so much alike, nobody knows, everywhere I went, you'd been there before.
Now the time has come for you to take flight, still our understanding is not what it should be. While part of me goes on this journey with you, you will forever live inside of me.

I love you Pops and I will miss you,
Tommy

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On June 3rd your body tired and weary; lay in a state of unrest at the hospital.

After a few hours just wanting you to know that I was there; talking to you, wiping your face, your eyes opened wide. God gave you the strength to look at me, not a word said, our eyes met; you knew I was there.

I merely whispered 'Daddy it's Ilene', through the tubes and mask I saw you smile. I know you were tired and I told you, it's OK; Remember I love you, again you smiled, still no words.

On June 4th, I tossed and turned; I got up and got fully dressed, sat and talked with my brother about our memories, he kissed me and said you know Daddy loves you, walked out of the house and the phone rang. The angels had taken you away.

You were waiting for me
I love you,
Ilene

More Love Notes...

Love,
You were my first Love, I loved you even before I knew what it was. We have been through some good and bad, but we always made it through. I will miss you so, it feels like apart of me is gone too. I knew you were slipping away, I just didn't think it would be so fast. But, I find comfort in knowing that you are with the Lord. I will miss you and I love you with all my heart.
Your Loving Wife 'Bit'

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Dear John,
Gods will has been done, now you sleep "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" - awaiting the resurrection. My heart rejoices when I hear from Tommy and Etta that you made peace with God. I am looking forward to a glad reunion when Jesus comes again.

I will surely miss you, but only for a little while for "Soon and Very Soon we are going to see the King.
Love, Bonnie

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John,
Thanks for all the wonderful memories. I will miss you greatly.
Love, Fisher

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TO My Favorite Cousin,
I will miss you so, my dear cousin, but I know that you and Hank are having a time. Till we meet again...
Love, Your Favorite Cousin - Helen

More Love Notes...

Dad,
I am so thankful to God for giving us such a loving father. One that we could always count on, no matter what, you certainly gave us unconditional love, no strings attached. This was not only for us kids but also for anyone you met.

You have finished your course, Dad and I know you were ready to go home (as you told me three weeks ago) and I know that if you could come back, you would not... for you are absent from the body and present with the Lord. It is where I pray that we all will meet again. I have missed you and will miss you and can hardly believe it's true, but I am happy to know the truth.

"I will, be loving you... always, not for just a moment, not for just a year, but I will be loving you always..."
You will forever be in my heart.
-Mary

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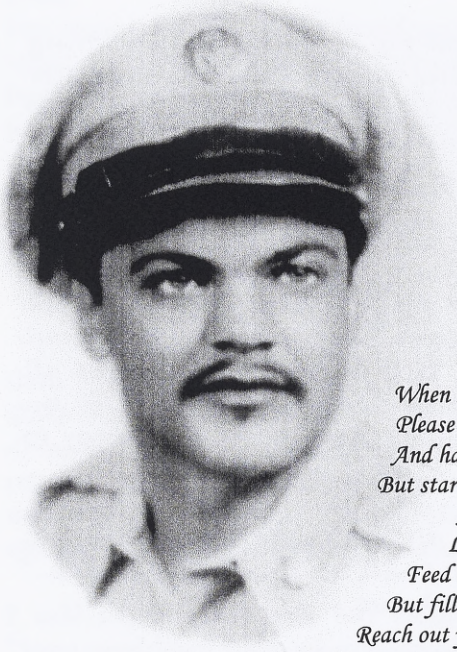
Pop Pop

See you later Pop pop
Kelee

caryn



When I Must Leave

When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears;
And hang your sorrow through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile.
And for my sake and in His name,
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I, in turn, will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky.

Pallbearers

Alvin Clavon
Keith Taylor
Bryan Trotter
Michael Clavon
Ivan Thompson
Kevin Weatherspoon

Honorary Pallbearers

JuJuan Love
Rufus Porter
Lamont Love
Thomas Love III
Kenneth Clavon
LeRoy Clavon II

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a comforting message, or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral arrangement, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke kind words, as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever part.
-The Love Family

Services Held at
Light and Life Church
Hawthorn, California
Pastor John M. Richardson

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